



Peanut Park Redevelopment Proposal

OWNERSHIP

“Peanut Park,” a small park located across from Hawthorne School, has been a source of fun for the surrounding neighborhood! History of the park is hazy at best, even the name is a mystery! Ownership of the park was uncertain, and over the years, the Helena School District took care of it. Last summer city staff confirmed that the park is indeed a city park and future maintenance and improvements will be the city’s responsibility. The city also heard from residents how important the park was to their neighborhood.

REMOVAL OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

The city’s Parks & Recreation Department (P&R) has determined that the existing play equipment is not safe and does not meet safety standards. The equipment will be removed this summer. We look forward to partnering with the neighborhood and school to replace the equipment in the near future.

A PROPOSAL FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mike Hiel of Gardenwerks recently approached the P&R Department with a proposal to re-landscape the park as a way to honor the memory of long-time Helena resident Margaret Hollow, who passed away a few years ago. Improvements include thinning and removal of overgrown vegetation, planting additional trees, shrubbery, and flowers, and adding pathways, and seating. Raised garden beds would also be constructed in partnership with Helena Community Gardens. The proposal also includes a request to rename the park, although a preferred name suggestion has not been offered at this time.

The intent of the proposal is to create a more friendly and useful space for the community and students of Hawthorne School. All labor, supplies, and landscaping materials would be donated. After completion, the park would be maintained by the city.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take some time to express your support or concerns. Your feedback will be discussed at the August Parks Board meeting. If there is interest, a follow-up meeting at the park will be organized.

Please submit comments by August 4, 2014 to:

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